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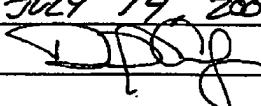
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		Art Unit 3651	Examiner Kavel Singh

Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

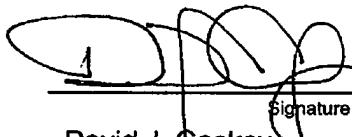
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ARRANGEMENT WITH BRAKE ACTUATION

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests pre-appeal review because there is no *prima facie* case of anticipation or obviousness against any of Applicant's claims.

The Examiner's rejections are based upon the *Saito* reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,135,097). There is no *prima facie* case of anticipation or obviousness because the *Saito* reference does not include any teaching that in any way corresponds to any determination whether wheels associated with a drive member of a passenger conveyor drive assembly rotate at the same speed or whether there is any relative rotation between them. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner explains her position as follows:

Saito teaches driving sprocket 18 and driven sprocket 19 are rotatably supported, respectively, and an endless step chain is provided between the two sprockets (wheels of the application). Since the wheels 18, 19 are tied together by the step chain, they do not rotate at the same speed (claim 1).

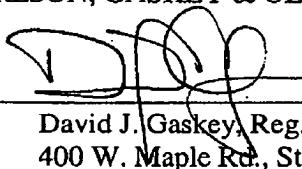
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In other words, the Examiner contends that the sprockets 18 and 19 of the *Saito* reference do not rotate at the same speed. That conclusion cannot possibly be supported by the plain teachings of the *Saito* reference. The sprockets 18 and 19 are connected to the same step chain and, therefore, must rotate at the same speed. The step chain moves at whatever speed the driving sprocket 18 moves. The driven sprocket 19 moves responsive to the movement of the chain. Therefore, the speed with which the driving sprocket 18 moves has to be the same as that with which the driven sprocket 19 moves because they are both connected with the same endless step chain. It is not possible to have one portion of the step chain moving at a different speed than another.

Because the *Saito* reference is entirely silent regarding any determination whether the sprockets 19 and 18 rotate at the same speed or whether there is any relative rotation between them, it is impossible to establish a *prima facie* case of anticipation or obviousness against any of Applicant's claims. All of the rejections depend upon the same unsupportable conclusion regarding the contents of the *Saito* reference. Therefore, all of the rejections must be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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